

HUS HAPPENINGS

November 2008

What is God calling me to do? - Part 2

Christian vocation means God calls everyone to a life of service in everything we do
by Marcia Clark Myers

Preach Christ or plant corn

Discernment of call often begins within ourselves, with a stirring, a yearning to follow an inner voice. We may ask, "What gifts has God given me? What is God calling me to do with them?"

Sometimes we need a nudge to explore the vocation questions. Looking back on their own faith journey, many ordained Presbyterian ministers remember a Sunday school teacher or youth leader who said, "You should think about being a minister. I see the gifts in you."

We are not always the best judges of our own talents. Sometimes we are drawn to a particular path in ignorance of other paths or out of personal aspirations rather than in response to God's call. There is an old joke about the man who saw "PC" in a cloud formation and thought surely he was called to "Preach Christ." After listening to many of his sermons, some church folks suggested that perhaps he was called to "Plant Corn."

We need help sorting out the inner stirrings of God's call. Presbyterians understand that discernment of call is not something we do alone, but within the community of God's people. The best decisions come out of group discernment. Congregations elect leaders whom they discern to be called to serve. In presbyteries elders and ministers together discern the call of God for mission in a particular region. When persons feel a call to serve in a church vocation of Christian educator, minister or commissioned lay pastor, groups of people are involved with them in discerning that call.

Resistance to God's call

The great call stories of the Bible demonstrate that a true call from God is often resisted rather than welcomed. Our scriptural role models did not volunteer. They did not want to be called and they did not think they had the required qualities. Out minding the sheep, Moses got drafted. He gave many excuses, but God did not accept them. Some of the most effective leaders tell stories of being drafted for service and trying to tell God and committees that they were not the right candidates.

Discerning one's vocation is not a quest for self-fulfillment, though many do experience deep satisfaction in their vocation. A response to God's call often requires self-sacrifice and discomfort. Living out our vocation may involve

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"True faith is confidence that God is who He says He is—and confidence that He will do everything He has promised to do."

—The Seven Checkpoints by Andy Stanley & Stewart Hall

NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Trevor Gretten
- 7 Martha Kubik
- 10 Robert Warren
- 12 Wyatt Resetter
- 12 Mitchell Trotman
- 19 Joan Cross
- 22 Michelle Hess
- 27 Danaca Page
- 27 Hannah Raim
- 30 Jean White



ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Robert & Ruby Warren 30 years
- 17 Terry & Diane Van Wyk 8 years



Ushers & Greeters

**November 2nd**

Helen Anderson & Pat Jones
Mike & JoAnne Hebert

November 9th

Grace Ford & Ruby Warren
Lisa & Brianna McAtee

November 16th

Eulalia Johnson & Marlus Grimm
Dick & Janet Ransom

November 23rd

Eleanor Harville & Jack Funcke
Marj Nejdil & Marge Pace

November 30th

Bonnie & Alan Tichy
Cathi Havel & Anne McDill

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds,
so that you may discern what is the will of God.
(Romans 12:2)











Volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis.
Go to www.corridorrecovery.org or call 319.540.4810 to sign up.

For help with your home call 319.540.4815.

Two Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Sites in Cedar Rapids.

They are located at Christ Church Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian in Cedar Rapids. They will be hosting overnight work teams from around the state and around the country. Both churches anticipate that they will be able to house around 45-50 people.

Call the Presbytery at 800.957.4389 to help/get help.



Do you own your own home
or does it own you?

There is help:
www.iowamortgagehelp.com

A HISTORY OF HUS MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PART 11 CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

Adapted from a Historical Treatise written by Charlotte Stelcik

HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THROUGH 1949

Rev. Zdenek F. Pauk from West, Texas came to preach on Sunday, July 20, 1941. There was a large attendance in church that Sunday and the congregation unanimously decided to call him. His salary was set at \$1500. Rev. Pauk entered upon his work at Hus Memorial Presbyterian Church October 1, 1941. He also served as chaplain of the Iowa State Guard at Camp Dodge, Iowa.

Rev. Paul at once decided to hold double services every Sunday morning in both languages. On Christmas and Easter Sunday, the services were always combined into one with great success. This continued for many years. Almost at once the church began to grow through the English services and new members kept coming in. Dr. Joseph Bren very willingly assisted the new pastor in visiting all members. A new life was built throughout the church.

It was decided to buy a new supply of English hymnbooks for the English service and also a supply of new Czech hymnbooks was ordered. A junior choir was organized and new white robes were made for them. This choir served the English service while the older choir was present at the Czech service. On June 4, 1942, Mrs. Martha Felter was elected as the new superintendent of the Sunday School.

Dr. V. Losa published a Christian Journal, "Krestanske Listy," in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in the Czech language. For about fifty years it served the Czech Protestants all over the world. Dr. Losa died and the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church decided to discontinue the paper. Many Czech people demanded that the paper still be published. When Dr. Joseph Bren, Dr. Frank Pokorny, Rev. Ludvik Burian, Rev. Milo Filipi, and Rev. Zdenek F. Pauk offered to do the work, the paper was transferred to Cedar Rapids. Rev. Milo Filipi was appointed editor and Rev. Zdenek F. Pauk, business manager. The paper was still being published in 1949 with a circulation of about 2,000. Hus Memorial Presbyterian Church gave a room for the business of the paper.

During the years of the war the members of the church started a fund called Providence Fund. Small banks in the shape of churches were distributed to all the families of the congregation. They were to put once cent into the little "church banks" at each meal and the money thus raised was saved for a time of need after the war.

During World War II, on December 1, 1943, Dr. Joseph Bren died. He had been pastor of the church from 1919 to 1938.

Programs for each Sunday's services had been printed on a mimeograph machine and introduced in 1941, but in 1943 new folders with beautiful pictures for every Sunday were used. To print these programs each Sunday; a large mimeograph machine was bought.

On April 12, 1944 the church gave a leave of absence to Rev. Pauk so that he might serve as Chaplain in the army. During Chaplain Pauk's absence Rev. Frank Sintak, a retired Czech minister who had settled in Robins, Iowa was asked to conduct the Czech services. Leaders for various activities were appointed from among the congregation. Mrs. Anna Vavra led the senior choir while Mrs. Elsie Drahovzal took charge of the juniors. Mrs. Martha Felter remained as superintendent of the Sunday School and also took charge of the young people's group. The printing of the programs and newspaper announcements were undertaken by Mr. Edward Kacer and Mr. Frank Vavra. Rev. E. J. Wykle of Cedar Rapids, a retired minister, served the English service. All were under the guidance of the elders. Quite remarkably this plan worked well and the church did not lose any members during the pastor's leave of absence.

Rev. Pauk was disabled in the Pacific Theater of War and returned to the United States. Although he had to report to several military hospitals from November 1945 to February 1947, he managed to come back to the congregation on most Sundays.

A War Restoration Fund was organized by the Presbyterian Church to collect twenty-seven million dollars. Hus Memorial's part was \$2,450, which was given in December of 1945, the first year of the campaign. Several donations of food and several cases of clothing were also sent to Czechoslovakia by the church.

During the war, the School of Religion at the State University of Iowa was collecting recordings of foreign religious hymns and Dr. Marcus Bach came to the church to record the Czech hymns. The Ely Church and the West Side Reformed Church took part with Hus Memorial Presbyterian Church and some of the records were sent to the Congressional Library in Washington D. C.



going places we don't want to go. Abraham "got up and went," dragging Sarah with him. Mary took on a role that brought great joy, but also much suffering and sorrow.

In today's world, where individuals have many options for the use of their time, many voices speaking, and many career choices, the Christian understanding of calling as self-sacrificing service to God and neighbor is not popular. When the call comes, "Whom will I send, and who will go for us?" (Isaiah 6:8), we don't want to hear. So the result is that poor schools have high teacher-turnover rates. City hospitals are understaffed. Small churches in rural areas have trouble finding pastors.

The community of faith must support those who are discerning their vocation. The 30-something woman who has been called to teach a middle-school class full of high hormones and energy would welcome encouragement and maybe some occasional childcare. We can offer prayerful support and a listening ear for a young man who must choose between a research fellowship or an invitation to work with AIDS patients in Africa. A supportive home church can make a big difference for the seminary senior who has been offered a call to serve as pastor in a town miles away on the Great Plains with a growing population of new immigrants working in the meatpacking plant.

Morning coffee and more

The answer to the question "What I am supposed to do with what God has given me?" includes how we earn our paycheck and how we spend it. It includes how we spend our time outside of work. No one retires from God's call. Retirement is a gift that allows us to serve in new ways.

Jimmy Anderson has been retired for 10 years. In response to God's call he became active in the Clear Creek Presbyterian Church and helped them put on a much-needed roof. Later he became an elder. Recognizing the isolation that many feel in this remote community, Anderson initiated a morning coffee time at the church, which is located at a key intersection. Five days a week Anderson is at the church from 5:30 to 10 a.m. He and others fix coffee, biscuits and sausage. Folks on their way to work and those coming home stop in for a few minutes of fellowship and news sharing. Seniors who might stay alone all day gather with friends. Occasionally community action ideas such as a new local water system perk along with the coffee.

Jimmy Anderson responded to God's call. What does God want you to do?

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Vocation is a lifelong response to God in all aspects of one's life. Work, paid and unpaid, is an integral part of the believer's response to God's call. One's vocation may include multiple careers, volunteer opportunities, and should involve continual spiritual growth in every step of the life-journey to which God calls us.

—*Principles of Vocation and Work, a statement approved by the 1995 General Assembly of the PCUSA*

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Thanksgiving Baskets for Shut-ins



Donations are needed for the Thanksgiving baskets for the shut ins. People are also needed to deliver the baskets after November 23rd. Sign up sheets and box in the narthex.



Youth Announcements

- ✚ **Wolia:** Don't forget to bring \$1 each week for Wolia!
- ✚ **Youth Group:** meal at 5:15 PM, youth group at 5:45 PM.
- ✚ **The Fall Fundraiser** is under way. See information below!
- ✚ **Spirit Skate:** November 6th, 6:30 - 8:30 PM at Super Skate.
- ✚ **Hus Racing League:** Join us for the season finals on November 8th. Registration at 9:30 with racing at 10 AM!
- ✚ **Confirmation:** November 16th from 1 - 3 PM.
December 14th from 1 - 3 PM.
- ✚ **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service:** November 26th at St. Ludmila Catholic Church beginning at 7 PM. This will replace youth group on this night. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate.
- ✚ **Youth Ministry Meeting:** The November and December meetings will be combined into one on December 2nd at the Panera Bread just off Edgewood Rd. SW at 8 PM.
- ✚ **Sunday Evening Meal:** the youth will be serving the meal on December 7th from 4 - 6 PM, at 1st Presbyterian Church, CR.

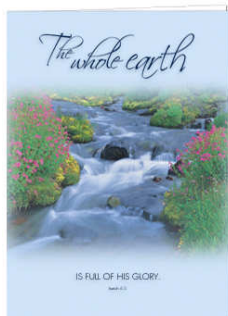
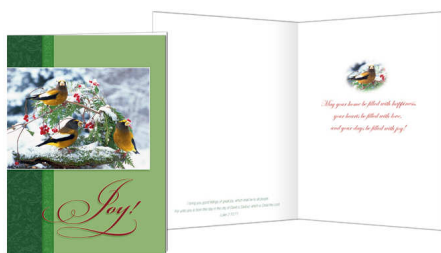
Questions?

Want more information?

Please call, text or email Terry.
Church: 363-0067 — Cell: 361-3825
Email: youthandfamily@huschurch.org
Online at www.180yfl.huschurch.org/



God's Creation Calendars, Cards, & Notepads



Wall Calendars: \$10 each
Christmas Greeting Cards: \$8 for a set of 12 – that's less than \$1 a card!
Greeting Cards: \$8 for a set of 12 (various designs)
Notepads: \$2 each (various designs)

*An order will be placed for calendars (cards and notepads available year round).
 Order forms must be returned by November 19th so an order can be placed
 November 21st. See order form in the Narthex or one of they youth!
 Orders take approximately 10 business days to receive.*

Hus Church Cancellation / Inclement Weather Policy

We will endeavor to keep the church facility open and associated ministries operating as much as possible. There are times, however, when weather and road conditions dictate that services, ministries and the facility must be closed. The following material outlines these policies. Decisions to close (or not) are made by the following that have been appointed by Session: Marcia Funcke, Doug Page, Eldie Svoboda and Terry Van Wyk.

Important Safety Note: Weather conditions in and around the church can vary substantially from those in other areas of Cedar Rapids, surrounding towns, and through out the county. Even though the building may be open or an event has not been cancelled, only you can decide whether conditions in your area will allow for safe travel. Please use your own best judgment regarding travel conditions in your area.

Posting of Information: Closings or cancellations referred to below are posted on the Hus website (www.huschurch.org) and on KCRG, KWWL, and KGAN. Please note that the church website should be the first place to check as it can take the media time to get the information on air and on their websites. Expect a call from a church representative **only if you have requested a personal call**. To request a call, please contact the church office (319.363.0067). If you would like to receive an email notification, please let the office know.

Worship Services: Closing information will be posted on the Hus website no later than two hours prior to worship services.

Building Closing: It is rare that we have to close the building due to weather. However, when this occurs it can be assumed that ALL ACTIVITIES and EVENTS scheduled during the period of the closure are cancelled. If the building is closed in the morning, it will likely be closed all day and evening. Hus Presbyterian Church will follow the Cedar Rapids / College Community School Districts for cancellation of events, meetings, etc. It should be further noted that the decision to close the building would not necessarily be tied to any outside organization or the closing choices made by local school systems.

Early Dismissal/Closure: If weather conditions deteriorate during the day, it is possible that the building will be closed for the evening only. This information will be posted by no later than two hours prior to an event or activity.

All cancellation policies include outside groups.

Approved by Session August 19, 2008

Rotational Sunday School

Exploring God's World

Hus Church Sunday School is from
10:45 AM - 11:30 AM each Sunday

The kids in Rotational Sunday School continue to learn about the life of David. We are studying the familiar story of David and Goliath and talking about the Giants that we face in our lives. God will help us face anything, if we let him be in control.

The memory verses are:
The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.

Psalm 28:7

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord you God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Psalm 23:1

Family Activity:
A PUZZLEMENT

Find a puzzle that's age appropriate. Put the puzzle together with your child. Then, share that sometimes things in life seem to be falling to pieces, like this puzzle before we made it. But with God's help, those pieces can be put back together.

What pieces of your life can God help you with right now?

**KIDS AGES 3-5TH
GRADE WILL MEET IN
THE SCRIPTURE
SAFARI ROOM.
FROM THERE, WE'LL
DIRECT THE KIDS TO
THEIR STATION FOR
THE DAY.**

The Stations:

Imagination Island:
Creative Art

Bible Broadway:
Drama

Movies on the Mount:
Video

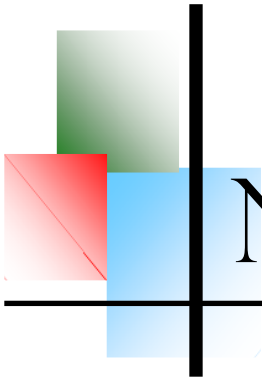
**SCRIPTURE
SAFARI:**
Bible Exploration

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Computers

THE MIDDLE
SCHOOL GANG
MEETS IN THEIR
OWN ROOM WITH
CINDY.

Youth in
High School
meet in the
Youth Room
for
Sunday School
with
Terry & Diane.

**Adults meet in the
Adult Sunday School
Room for class with
Judy! Come join in
the discussion.
Everyone is
welcome.**



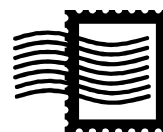
NOVEMBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Men's Breakfast - 8 AM at Edgewood Rd Hy-Vee
2 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Steve Bricker teaching Sunday school - 10:45 AM 	3 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	4 Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study- 1:30 PM Trustee's- 7 PM 	5 Wed. Meal - 5:15 PM Youth Group - 5:45 PM Choir - 6:45 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	6	7	8 Hus Racing League: Registration - 9:30 AM Racing at 10 AM Season Finals
9 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Pastor Mel Ramos teaching Sunday school - 10:45 AM	10 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	11 Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study- 1:30 PM Deacons - 6 PM	12 Wed. Meal - 5:15 PM Youth Group - 5:45 PM Choir - 6:45 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	13 Ecumenical Choir Practice at St. Ludmila's- 7 PM	14	15  Page/Jensen wedding
16 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Karen McCaa teaching Sunday school - 10:45 AM Confirmation 1 - 3 PM	17 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	18 Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study- 1:30 PM Session - 7 PM	19 Wed. Meal - 5:15 PM Youth Group - 5:45 PM Choir - 6:45 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	20 Lunch Bunch at Bishops - 11:30 AM Ecumenical Choir Practice at St. Ludmila's- 7 PM	21	22 Hus Worship Team at Mission of Hope - 6:30 PM
23 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Brad Gilles teaching Sunday school - 10:45 AM	24 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM Ecumenical Choir Practice at St. Ludmila's- 7 PM	25 Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study- 1:30 PM Choir- 6:45 PM Worship Team- 8:30 PM	26 Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at St. Ludmila's- 7 PM	27 Office closed  Thanksgiving	28 Office closed	29
30 1 st Sunday in Advent Worship Service - 9:30 AM Joyce Faltis-Serenil teaching Sunday school - 10:45 AM 						

Hus Presbyterian Church

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Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



November 2008
Hus Happenings
www.huschurch.org

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday,
November 26, 2008
At St. Ludmila's Church
(Collection money given to flood relief)

See the sign up sheet in the narthex
for volunteer help needed

